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Office Action Summary

Application No. 09/554,984	Applicant(s) Maes et al
Examiner Alton Pryor	Art Unit 1616



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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-28 _____ is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-5, 7-9, 14, 16-18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, and 27 _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 6, 10-13, 15, 19, 22, 25, and 28 _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some* c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____ 6) Other:

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Applicant's arguments filed 4/15/02 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

I. Rejection of claims 1-5,7-9,14,16-18,20,21,23,24,26 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over DasGupta and Dijkstra will be maintained for reasons of record and reasons as follows.

Applicant argues that it would not have been obvious to combine DasGupta and Dijkstra. Applicant argues that unexpected data is provided in instant specification for instant composition comprising betulinic acid and vitamin D analogs.

1. Examiner argues that it would have been obvious for an artisan to combine DasGupta and Dijkstra because both prior art references individually teach topical compositions for treating melanoma. Examiner request that applicant directs examiner to the location of unexpected data in specification for the composition comprising betulinic acid and vitamin D analogs.

II. Applicant argues that instant method claims are allowable, because methods drawn to treating dry skin, reducing skin's response to irritants or sensitizes with instant compositions are not suggested by the prior art.

Examiner argues that applicant's active step comprises applying applicants composition to skin which is also the active step of the prior art invention.

III. Claim Objection

Objection to claims 6,10-13,15,19,22, and 25 will be maintained for reasons on record. Claim 28 is added to this objection. It is obvious that claim 28 should have been objected to since claim 15 from which claim 28 depends is also objected to. Claim 28 is added to this objection.

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Telephonic Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alton Pryor whose telephone number is (703) 308-4691. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jose Dees, can be reached on (703) 308-4628. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-4556.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.



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Primary Examiner, AU 1616

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